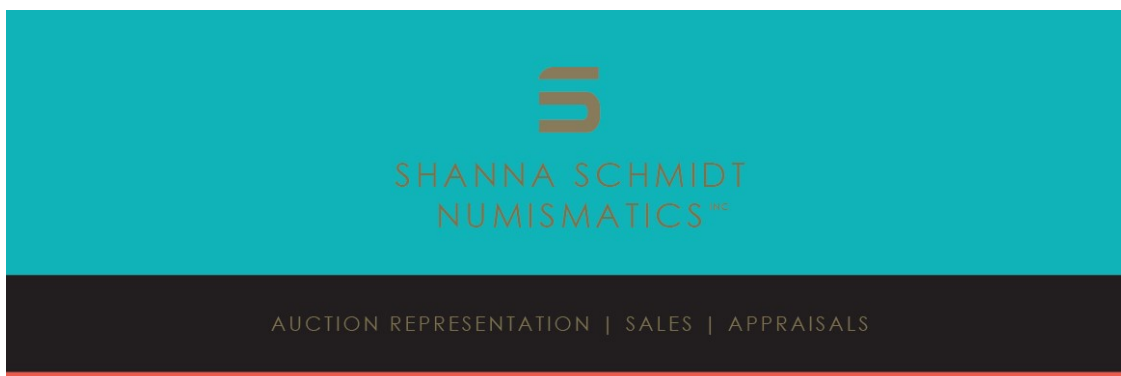


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Newsletter #101:

What's New at Shanna Schmidt Numismatics Inc.

Greetings from icy cold Chicago. The weather is supposed to be unnaturally chilly with wind advisories starting tomorrow. It is at these times that I'm especially thankful that I work out of my home. As I promised, above is a quick picture I took last Sunday with Carl Subak at his 100th birthday party. Carl was surprised to see a small gathering of friends and family to celebrate his special day (which was actually a few days earlier). All the guests brought photos with to share with Carl. Jon told me that Carl loves photos now. He prefers photos on photo paper and not from an iphone. It was an interesting morning printing out (or trying to!) photos to bring to Carl. We rely so much on our

phone now and the “cloud” that the days of printing them out are starting to be a thing of the past.

It is very quiet on the auction front this past week compared to early January. There are some nice auctions however that are on the horizon. Kolbe and Fanning is having one of their fantastic numismatic literature auctions. They are masters at getting wonderful old collections and offering them in one of their many auctions. When they launched their mobile app it greatly improved my interest in bidding. I found it incredibly easy to take part in the auctions. If you need any books please check out their auction this weekend. You are bound to find something of interest.

Here is what else is happening!

ANA Board of Governors - 2019 Elections

Did I mention that I am running for the ANA Board of Governors in this upcoming election (July 2019)? I was initially approached because I fit what they were looking for, a woman that would bring some balance to an overly male populated board. It isn't especially enticing to be asked for that reason but the more I thought of it I realized how my voice could really be helpful to the organization. Sure a female component is always great but the reality is that women in leadership positions in numismatic firms is not high and it isn't anyone's fault. That said, I think the interest is growing and I see more and more young women getting involved which is great. I'm most excited to run now because of the educational component of the ANA. There is so much that can be offered in terms of education through this huge organization. If you are an ANA member that is great. If you aren't currently an ANA member however I would recommend you join. It is not an expensive endeavor and collectively we can make a real difference to the hobby. Aside from education the ANA offers other great experiences for collector and dealer alike. I've already started to talk to some of my dealer colleagues on ways that I might help to positively influence the ANA. I'll keep everyone updated on election news but remember me when it comes time to cast your ballot. I certainly appreciate all your support!

Kolbe & Fanning Sale 151: Numismatic Literature (Jan 26)

Kolbe & Fanning is offering 500 numismatic titles in their e-auction on January 26. Some of us were disappointed that they didn't have their live auction in NY during the NY International Coin Fair as they have offered in years past. Despite some numismatic books being extremely costly, it truly is a labor of love for Kolbe & Fanning. Working with heavy books is not easy and the business is getting more difficult with so much being offered online. That said, remember that many of these publications are out of print and have not been scanned. I for one am a proponent of the book versus doing my research entirely online. The often heard “read the book before buying the coin” are words that we should all live by. I can guarantee a much more pleasurable experience with your coins if you invest a bit in the books that can reinforce the necessary learning that goes along with collecting. I'm definitely participating in this auction so get in touch if you need my help. I will always step aside for a customer that wants a book so if you have been searching for a title and K&F has it just let me know.

Naville Auction 46 (Jan 27)

Naville has 568 coins on offer in their 46th auction. Naville is offering several items from the personal collections of Dattari and Clain Stefanelli as they have been routinely doing for the past few years. The Clain Stefanellis were a husband and wife team that worked together at the Smithsonian. They had an immense collection many of the nicer pieces were sold in an NAC auction in Zurich. Obviously the material they owned must have been in the thousands as Naville, the online component of NAC, has been slowly auctioning off the remainder of the collection. Dattari is another huge collection that has been offered in every Naville auction over the past few years. There are some hugely rare types that are offered and while one can not expect a deal if you are looking for interesting pedigreed material this is the place to come. I will be participating in this auction so get in touch if you need my help.

Goldberg Pre-Long Beach Auction - Session 4 (Jan 29)

Goldberg is holding its biannual auction prior to the Long Beach coin show. There are 226 ancient coins on offer. There is a nice selection of Greek and Roman coins to be had. The starting prices are low but my experience is that normally things go well above the starting price, especially coins that are above average. I guess the old adage "nothing is for free" applies here. I frequently bid in the Goldberg sales so please get in touch if you need my help.

Upcoming Coin Show: Central States (April 24-27) in Schaumburg, IL

Sadly the Chicago Coin Expo, which I co-founded with my family, will not happen anymore. There is a lot of speculation as to why the show ultimately failed. Some say it was lack of proper advertising, others say it was too expensive an endeavor to have it downtown Chicago. Whatever the reason I'm disappointed but I'm also ready to move on. Central States, which was running a successful show in Schaumburg decided to invite the dealers from the CCE to join them this year in Schaumburg. I've taken a table and I'm looking forward to the show. Perhaps the marriage between Central States and the CCE will be just what our city needed. The ANA show has been hugely successful in Chicago, so much so that there was talk of it always being in Chicago. I know that Chicago offers as much geographically as well in terms of entertainment. It is much easier for international dealers to head to Chicago than go all the way west to California or alternatively better for the pocket book for those finding NY just too expensive. I hope you'll consider coming out for the show which hopefully will greet you with nice weather. It can be hit or miss with weather during April in Chicago. I'm looking forward to seeing some of you!

Here is a link to the site for those interested:

<https://www.centralstatesnumismaticsociety.org/convention>



Coin of the Week

<https://www.shannaschmidt.com/greek-coins/gallia-lemovices-c-2nd-1st-century-bc?rq=gk1256>

GALLIA. Lemovices. c. 2nd - 1st century BC

AR Quinarius, 2.18g (14mm, 7h). Helmeted head right with dot on chin / Horse right with large head above; symbol below horse.

Pedigree: Ex Münzhandlung Basel 7 (1936), lot 254. Ex M&M Deutschland 38 (2013), lot 173

Price: \$2,150

The Lemovices, were a Gallic tribe that were located in modern day Limoges and the area. In fact, the name Limoges is derived from the tribe. The Lemovices established themselves in France in around 700 BC. This coin was struck sometime in the 2nd-1st century BC. The Lemovices gained the most notoriety with their association to the famed warrior Vercingetorix. The Lemovices tribe were sent in 52 BC in a group of 10,000 men to support Vercingetorix in his battle against Julius Caesar. The leader of the tribe, Sedullos, was killed in this skirmish. This final battle between Caesar and the Gauls were considered Caesar's best military achievement. It also ended the independence of the Gauls in France and Belgium.

References: LT 4561. Delestrée-Tache III, 3414. Depeyrot III, 37 (this coin). Flesche coll. 171. Karl coll. (UBS 77)

Grade: Irregular and tight flan. Strike is sharp but due to tight flan some of the images are off. EF

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<https://www.shannaschmidt.com/greek-coins/gallia-lemovices-c-2nd-1st-century-bc?rq=gk1256>

If you are interested in this coin please click the link above or email me at shanna@shannaschmidt.com

Until next week!
Shanna

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